

ABSTRACT

A stent introducer is provided for introducing a stented catheter through a hemostatic valve. The stent introducer is inserted into the hemostatic valve to open the valve member and provide an open passageway for the stented catheter. The stent introducer is made from flexible plastic and has a slot that extends along the entire length of the stent introducer. Advantages of the stent introducer include ease of use and improved protection for the stented catheter during introduction.